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Letter dated 8 April 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am obliged to draw your attention to the statement made by Mr. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania, in a joint interview with Mr. Hashim Thaçi on Priština Television, on Monday, 6 April 2015. In the interview, Mr. Rama stated that "Albania and Kosovo will unite in a classical way" if the European Union does not open the way for the integration of Kosovo and visa liberalization.

The statement is provocative and exceedingly disruptive for relations in the region, in particular between Serbia and Albania, and represents a serious threat to regional peace and stability. In full disregard of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and tantamount to a call for redrawing international borders, the statement runs counter to the spirit of cooperation, mutual understanding and good-neighbourliness and the common future of the countries of the region and their efforts to join the European Union.

In drawing your attention to the statement, I would like to point out that the Republic of Serbia has consistently supported the above-mentioned values and principles, as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and set forth in European standards, and fully expects that they will be respected by other countries of the region as well. My country also expects that the international community will condemn the nationalistic rhetoric that hinders the process of reconciliation and progress in the region.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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